

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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The Jasper County Commissioners met this date at 8:15 A.M. C.S.T., in the Commissioners Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: Kendell Culp, James Walstra and Richard Maxwell. Also present were Auditor Kimberly K. Grow, Deputy Auditor Tina Porter, Highway Engineer / Supervisor Jack R. Haberlin and the Attorney that represents the Commissioners, Eric J. Beaver. The meeting was called to order and those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ken Wright.

CLAIMS: Mr. Maxwell said he has a question on claim number 093410. He made a motion to approve the claims, as presented, with the exception of claim number 093410. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

PAYROLL: Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the payroll for the check dates equal to March 15, 2017 and March 30, 2017. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

MINUTES: Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular March 6, 2017 meeting, the Joint Session March 6, 2017 and the Safety Committee meeting March 21, 2017. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

JACK HABERLIN / BURIED CABLE / PERMIT NUMBER 4317: Mr. Haberlin stated that Gary Overmeyer would like to bore under Francesville Road for electric needed to install an irrigation system. Mr. Overmeyer will be working with Mr. Lanou. Mr. Culp asked if there is a sketch to accompany the application, to which Mr. Haberlin replied that there's not. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried. Fees were discussed. Mr. Haberlin explained that this type of permit is a flat \$40.00 fee.

PAT DONNELLY / FLAG POLE REPAIRS / VETERAN'S BURIAL BENEFIT: Mr. Donnelly was present and stated that the flag pole is broken. Mr. Ray was hired to fix the cable and take the flag down, at which time he realized that the weld on the first joint is cracked two-thirds of the way around. Mr. Donnelly said we will need a crane and the ability to get a welder up there. He said that Mr. Ray offered to weld it, but we would need to furnish the crane. He can also bring a welder, but would prefer that we furnish that as well. Mr. Maxwell stated that he would prefer Mr. Ray furnish the welder. Mr. Donnelly said that it would be nice to get this completed before Memorial Day. He said that Mr. Ray told him he would re-weld all three joints as a precaution. The pole is stainless steel and was installed in 1999. Mr. Maxwell suggested switching over to a smaller flag because of the stress that's put on the pole from the wind. Mr. Donnelly said that instead of switching to the ten foot by fifteen foot flag in the summer like they normally do, they will use the five foot by eight foot flag year-round. Mr. Donnelly will work with Mr. Haberlin to gather some information about hiring a crane company.

The next item Mr. Donnelly wanted to discuss was the burial benefit. He said that for the last fourteen years, it's been \$200.00. He told the Commissioners he would like for them to consider increasing it to \$350.00. If feasible, he would like to have it implemented by June 1, 2017. Surrounding counties range from \$1,000.00 to \$100.00. He figures that it would cost the County an additional \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 per year. If it is implemented by June 1, we would need to appropriate about \$4,500.00 to cover the remainder of the year. Mr. Culp asked how the \$200.00 is used and Mr. Donnelly replied that it depends on the family. Some families have the funeral home deduct \$200.00 from the cost and the money goes to the funeral home. If the family pays upfront for the funeral, the check will go to the family. Presently, the County pays \$100.00 towards the mounting of a bronze plaque, which Mr. Donnelly thinks is generous since the going charge for that is currently \$200.00. Mr. Culp asked Auditor Grow if it's a line item in the budget and she replied that it is. If it is approved and he needs an additional appropriation, it will need to be presented to the Council. Mr. Culp advised Mr. Donnelly that they will take it in to consideration and will bring it up at a later meeting.

DEL CLEEK / ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD / USE OF DONATION FUND: Ms. Cleek was present to request permission to use a portion of the Donation Fund to give Mr. Sinclair a bonus for all the work that he's accomplished at the Shelter. She said that they are not asking for additional funds. She further stated that the Board doesn't feel that they've been able to get Mr. Sinclair the raise that he deserves. They feel that he is being paid as a worker, not a Director. She informed the Commissioners that she addressed this with the Council, who advised her to present it to the Commissioners. Mr. Culp stated that he looked up some salaries. He said Mr. Sinclair is being paid a little more than a Courthouse Deputy. Ms. Cleek replied that she found that he is being paid what an Administrative Assistant with the Sheriff's Department was being paid in 2014. Mr. Culp verified with Auditor Grow that Sheriff's Department employees are paid more than Courthouse employees. Mr. Culp asked Ms. Cleek if the Council discussed it. She replied that they did not, but she thinks they are worried about setting precedent. She said she understands that, but the Board only plans on doing this one time, using money that's already in the fund, with the hopes that he will get a sufficient raise in pay at budget time. Mr. Culp stated that there's two parts to this request. The first part being where the money is being taken from, which is the Donation Fund and the second part being about setting a precedent. He said that he's never seen an employee given a bonus. Usually, a request is put in to the Council at budget time, which isn't a bonus, but rather a raise in salary. He asked how it came out in the budget following her and Pat Williamson's request that Mr. Sinclair receive a raise shortly after he was hired. Mr. Sinclair was also present and stated that he received half of what the previous Director was supposed to receive in 2015 in the middle of 2016 and the other half at the end of 2016. Mr. Culp stated that he has concerns taking the money out of the Donation Fund. It's always been his understanding that the money should be used for Shelter repairs or something to do with the animals. Ms. Cleek stated that Mr. Sinclair has done a lot of the work at the Shelter using volunteers, thus not having to use the Donation Fund. Mr. Culp stated that Mr. Sinclair has brought a lot of stability to the Shelter and the Commissioners do appreciate it. Mr. Maxwell stated that he's heard nothing but good about the Shelter, but feels that giving a bonus would be problematic for all other departments. He is not in favor of a bonus. He thinks the proper procedure would be to get a salary increase. Mr. Culp told Mr. Sinclair that they appreciate the job he's doing. He mentioned that the way the salary was set up, until some recent changes, was that every Deputy was paid the same and every office holder was paid the same (except the Sheriff). Some counties hire firms to establish salary ranges using state averages for like-sized counties. He said that he's been a proponent for Jasper County to do the same. Also, within that, employee performance could be taken in to consideration. Ms. Cleek said she feels like Mr. Sinclair is being punished for previous Directors' performances and they will start lobbying for a raise as soon as they can. Mr. Culp replied that that is certainly not their intent and that, since Mr. Sinclair has been hired, they are no longer dealing with issues month after month with the Shelter and the Commissioners appreciate that.

PAT FOX / LITTLE COUSIN JASPER: Ms. Fox was present, along with Mr. Kent, Mr. Martin and Mr. Spangler, to request permission to use the Courthouse Square for the annual Little Cousin Jasper Festival on September 8-10, 2017. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried. She stated that they would also like to use the parking lots like they have in the past. The City will be providing electric in the large parking lot. It's close enough that they can run cords. She said they will be in contact with the Sheriff to provide security so they are able to use the restrooms. She mentioned that they never received a bill from last year for the damage done to the grounds from the vehicles due to the rain.

She said that she had someone approach her about doing helicopter rides and using the big parking lot for take-offs and landings. It would be on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Seif if there are any special requirements for doing this. He replied that they have to get approval from the FAA, which should all be done on their end. She said that it probably won't be until next year. Mr. Maxwell told her they will take it in to consideration. He said there may be problems with noise for the neighboring houses. Mr. Culp thanked her for all the hard work she and her Committee does. She said that they will be having an All-American Lumberjack show on Sunday.

CHRISTINE HASKELL / ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE REQUEST: Ms. Haskell was present to request permission to fill the Deputy Prosecutor position that was left vacant with the retirement of Jim Lakin at the beginning of the year after moving Joe Morrison up to Chief Deputy.

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CHRISTINE HASKELL / ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE REQUEST CONT'D: This position primarily does child support. She said that twenty-five percent of the salary is paid from Incentive Funds and the other seventy-five percent is paid by the County. Mr. Maxwell asked if this would be an internal move. She replied that we will have to hire outside, since there are no other attorneys in the office.

She added that they are close to filling the clerk's position that they've been advertising for a while now.

SIGNING OF FARM LEASES: Mr. Culp asked Mr. Maxwell if he intended for the County to have two separate leases. He replied that he did not. Mr. Beaver stated that, for a lease above a certain dollar value, it has to be approved by the Council. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the leases. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

RENSSELAER FARMER'S MARKET: Mr. Culp stated that the Rensselaer Farmer's Market would like permission to use the street and sidewalk for their market beginning April 29, 2017 through the month of October and Tuesday nights in July and August. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

UMBAUGH FINANCIAL PLAN PROPOSAL: Mr. Culp asked Auditor Grow if this is a 'per hour' charge and she replied that it is. She believes the quote was based on how many hours they thought it was going to take. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

FLAG POLE REPAIRS / CONTINUED: Mr. Haberlin asked Mr. Pickering if the damaged flag pole would be covered by insurance. He replied that it would depend on what the damage is and how it occurred. Mr. Haberlin and Mr. Maxwell told him that it's cracked and was caused by wind. Mr. Pickering stated that the \$1,000.00 deductible would apply. Mr. Culp stated that if we have to rent a crane, we will meet the deductible. Mr. Pickering stated that he would look in to it.

RAY SEIF / AIRPORT AUTHORITY UPDATES: Mr. Seif was present and expressed thanks to the Commissioners and Attorney Beaver for getting the paperwork taken care of for the farm ground rental.

They are awaiting approval from the FAA before the Precision Approach Path Indicators can be turned on.

They recently had to replace a ceilometer, which was rather expensive. They are trying to work it in to the budget, but may need to ask for an additional appropriation.

On May 12, 2017, from 8:00 to 4:00, they are hosting an Aviation Career Day. It is a free event that is open to the public. Six schools have confirmed for a total of six hundred students, including students from Vincennes and Purdue, but they may have others that just show up. There will be industry representatives present to talk to the students.

JUDY KANNE / HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Ms. Kanne was present and explained that the Historical Society has given them an opportunity to apply for a Heritage Grant in the amount of \$5,600.00 to restore the Parr Post Office at the Fairgrounds, which has greatly deteriorated over the past year. She received the letter almost a month too late stating that the process was continuing. The completion of the grant request is due Tuesday, April 4, 2017. She thanked the Commissioners for writing a letter in support of the grant application. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the signing of the letter. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

ANDREW PITSTICK / REZONE REQUEST: Mr. Pitstick was present, along with his Attorney, Brianna Schroeder, and his Livestock Engineer, Mike Veenhuizen.

ANDREW PITSTICK / REZONE REQUEST CONT'D: Ms. Schroeder gave background regarding the request to rezone from General Commercial to A2, stating that, along with being heard by the Commissioners, they've been before the Plan Commission a number of times. Last month, the Plan Commission gave no recommendation, thus leaving the decision to the Commissioners. She said that the request is in line with the Jasper County Future Land Use Map and stated that they've done additional research since the last meeting and have found that the only reason the property is zoned general commercial is due to a typographical error made in 1970. She explained that, due to a neighbor's rezone request in 1970, the subject property was mistakenly changed from suburban residential to roadside business. In 1982, the County renamed some of the zoning designations and roadside business defaulted to general commercial, which is what it remains today. Suburban residential defaulted to prime agriculture. She said that this property should have defaulted to prime agriculture. She gave additional factors that she believes supports that statement including google earth maps dating back to the middle 1990's showing manure lagoons, property records dating back several owners showing that the property has been used for livestock and the property card showing that the building was built in the 1960's and was intended to hold livestock. She provided the Commissioners with a copy of a petition signed by twenty area property owners supporting this property. She discussed the Future Land Use Map as well as the comprehensive plan, quoting excerpts that she believes supports the rezone request. Mr. Veenhuizen explained the property layout, including the buildings, a pond and the manure lagoons using a large map he brought. He said Mr. Pitstick's intent is to use both the existing building and the new building he recently built to house one hundred and eighty sows or gilts and about eleven bores and run a bedded pack extensive breed to wean facility. There will not be any outdoor pastures or liquid manure. There was discussion regarding the pasture system. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Pitstick to further explain the statement made that there will be no outdoor pasture. Mr. Pitstick replied that Kniman Ranch, the entity he raises for, doesn't require the hogs to be on pasture. They only require outdoor access. Mr. Pitstick said that the building has forty foot by forty foot lean-to pens that extend off the side of the building that will meet the requirement for outdoor access. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Pitstick about Kniman Ranch's percent vegetation requirement. Ms. Schroeder stated that the percent vegetation only applies to a CAFO, not an operation this small in size. Mr. Pitstick stated that he isn't aware of that type of requirement from Kniman Ranch. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Veenhuizen to verify that the sows and litters would be moved to the front building when the litters were one week old. After three to four weeks, the litters would be weaned and moved off site and the sows would be moved to the back building. Mr. Veenhuizen replied that that's correct and said that there could be twenty to thirty sows in the front building on a continuous basis. There was discussion about runoff. Mr. Pitstick stated that he is using wood chips in the front building, in which the pens will be spot cleaned daily and the chips replaced every couple days. He said there is no manure run-off and the hogs don't have access to the trough in the building. He said a previous employee mistakenly used the manure lagoons, but other than that, he has not used them and has no intentions to.

Mrs. Davis was present and expressed her concern that nothing stated so far changes the fact that Mr. Pitstick purchased a commercially zoned property and proceeded to put a full hog operation on it and is operating in complete disregard to the zoning. Mr. Culp asked Ms. Schroeder to explain why Mr. Pitstick built without the proper zoning. She said that Mr. Pitstick grew up in the area and remembers the property as having livestock on it and his family knew the person that previously had livestock on the property. He printed the beacon property record card that showed the property record class as agricultural use. She stated that Mr. Pitstick was under the impression that the County was aware the property was going to be used as agricultural. Ms. Schroeder explained how she believes it came to be zoned commercial by accident. Mr. Culp asked Mrs. Scheurich about the beacon class stating 199 Ag Other Agricultural Use and she replied that they are simply taxing codes for the Assessor's Office and it has absolutely nothing to do with zoning. To the best of her knowledge, the codes are for what the property is being used as.

In response to Mr. Culp's question on what the Commissioners need to be looking for when considering the rezone, Attorney Beaver mentioned State Statute, discussed with Mr. Veenhuizen and Ms. Schroeder the definition of confined feeding and clarified that there will be no pasture in Mr. Pitstick's operation. He also mentioned concerns with the distance of the pond's setback and the front building's setback as well as lot coverage, which has not been discussed previously.

ANDREW PITSTICK / REZONE REQUEST CONT'D: He stated that his overall analysis is that the historical "so-called" accident from 1970 does not require the Commissioners to make a decision. The criteria under the Statute for the Commissioners to pay reasonable regard to when making a decision are the following: 1) the comprehensive plan, 2) the current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district, 3) the most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted, 4) the conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction, and 5) responsible development and growth.

Mr. Maxwell pointed out that he remembers the hog market and he can't say for sure that it was not intended to be a commercial property. It was a drop off point for hogs to be sold and transferred out. Hogs were not raised on the property.

Mr. Veenhuizen further addressed the lot coverage concerns. He believes Mr. Pitstick is within development standards. Mr. Pitstick commented that, prior to constructing the new building, he removed multiple hog lot fencing, multiple hog huts and old feeder and water troughs so he believes someone has raised hogs at that location in the past, in addition to the front building.

Marcus Davis asked Mrs. Scheurich if Mr. Pitstick was led to believe it was ok to build his building to raise hogs and if he knew things may not go in his favor and she replied that he knew that. Mr. Davis also asked what the purpose of the open lots behind the building are for. Mr. Pitstick replied that they are to give the hogs outdoor access. He then asked if there would be bedding in the open lots and Mr. Pitstick replied that there will not be any bedding in the open lots. Mr. Davis mentioned 11-26 and 5-34 in the UDO regarding the classification of pasture, confined feeding and the raising of farm animals. He said that if there is a maximum number of animals allowed per acre, this would only allow Mr. Pitstick to have ninety-nine hogs. He stated that this property has been used for the temporary keeping of farm animals, not the raising of farm animals and even if there was a mistake, that is now irrelevant. He thinks that it fits as an A4 distinction, which is agricultural use, but not for the type of operation Mr. Pitstick is running. He mentioned that, if Mr. Pitstick's petition is granted, there's a potential for setting precedent that could have serious repercussions. Ms. Schroeder noted that Mr. Pitstick is raising farm animals per 11-26, not keeping per 5-34. The maximum number of animals allowed per acre only applies to keeping of farm animals. She also stated that a legal request for rezone does not set a precedent for other properties. Attorney Beaver stated that "raising" is a use and "keeping" is not a use. "Keeping" has to do with pastures and he does not believe the "keeping" standards apply.

Mr. Davis asked what the original reason for denial was. Mr. Culp replied that one of the reasons was because the frontage requirement was not met. The Commissioners act upon recommendation from the Plan Commission. The first time, the Plan Commission recommended denial and the Commissioners agreed. The second time, the Plan Commission could not reach consensus. The hearing that was originally scheduled for the March Commissioners meeting was postponed in order to gather more information.

Mr. Culp stated that the Commissioners have always been very supportive of agriculture but, in this situation, things were done out of order, and it may reflect on the Commissioners that they are not supportive of the pork industry. He said that, as a pork producer himself, that is not the case. As Commissioners, they have to support the regulations they have in place. He said that he wants to make it clear that they are very supportive of agriculture in Jasper County, no matter what the final decision is. Mr. Maxwell stated that, looking at the current conditions, he doesn't agree with what's going on there. He said that it's a mess and is not the most desirable use for that ground. He believes it will affect property values in the area in the future with the exchange. The area is one that could show growth in the future. Mr. Pitstick stated that he could buy any other property in the area and/or adjoining the property he currently owns for the same purpose, according to the UDO. He said that it's a constant work in progress and that there are other farms in the area that may not look as appealing as one may think they should.

Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Walstra stated that they are not ready to make a decision. Mr. Walstra stated that there's never been any discussion regarding the length of time manure will be on the property and he thinks it should be a maximum of forty eight hours.

ANDREW PITSTICK / REZONE REQUEST CONT'D: Mr. Veenhuizen stated that, under the confined feeding rules, the maximum is ninety days. Mr. Walstra stated that if he were ever to vote in favor of it, he would require it be removed within forty eight hours. Attorney Beaver stated that the Commissioners can impose conditional requirements that have to be met upon granting of the petition. The conditional requirements can be enforced under the zoning and it could be recorded and would be binding on all future property owners. Mr. Walstra asked Mrs. Scheurich what the building permit was issued as. She replied that it was for a post-frame structure. She said Mr. Pitstick mentioned hogs; however, she told him it was not zoned correctly and would need to be re-zoned. She said he hesitated and decided to construct the building anyway. Mr. Maxwell stated that there will be no more presentations. The Commissioners decided that they need an additional thirty days. This will be put on the Agenda for the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, but will only be to announce their decision.

**At this time, there was a short break.**

CLAIMS CONT'D: Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve Claim Number 93410. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

AIC CONFERENCE: Auditor Grow presented a conference request for herself, Vickie Bozell, Donya Jordan, Beth Warren and Dawn Hoffman to attend the Association of Indiana northwest district meeting at Christo's in Plymouth on May 2, 2017. There is a registration fee of \$30.00 and they will be using the County car. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

AUDITOR'S SPRING CONFERENCE: Auditor Grow presented a request for herself and one Deputy to attend the Auditor's spring conference at Crowne Plaza Union Station in Indianapolis May 23, 2017 to May 26, 2017. Expenses to the County will include a registration fee, meals, parking and hotel. They will be using the County car. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

PURDUE EXTENSION / CONFERENCE: Auditor Grow presented a request for Bryan Overstreet, Alice Smith and Anna Williams to attend the Annual Spring Conference for Extension Educators in French Lick on April 24, 2017 and April 25, 2017. They will be using some County money budgeted for Professional Improvement. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE / PUBLIC DEFENDER TRAINING: Auditor Grow presented a request for Deputy Auditor Barbara Robinson to attend the Public Defender Commission Annual Training in Indianapolis on May 2, 2017. There is a \$20.00 registration fee and she will be using the County car. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS / TRAINING: Auditor Grow presented a request for Assistant Director Darci Donnelly to attend Thinking for a Change instructor course in Crown Point April 18, 2017 through April 20, 2017. She will be driving to and from each day. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS / TRAINING: Auditor Grow presented a request for Assistant Director Darci Donnelly, Work Release Supervisor Melinda Scheffer and Electronic Monitoring Supervisor Regina Coulter to attend the Spring IACCAC Conference in French Lick on May 17, 2017 and May 18, 2017. The cost of the training is \$130.00 per person. The cost, hotel and meals will be paid out of Project Income. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

ATTORNEY BEAVER / UPDATE: Attorney Beaver stated that, due to spending all of his time on the rezone request over the past month, he has not made progress on anything else. There was discussion on when Umbaugh should be getting back to us regarding the financial plan.

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JACK HABERLIN / UPDATE: There was discussion about the Road Asset Management Plan. This list includes input from the employees of the Highway Department. Mr. Culp said that he's more interested in the road ratings, which will help the Commissioners prioritize. Mr. Haberlin stated that he will put the ratings on the report. It was determined that the list may include roads that were approved last year, so it will need double-checked.

Mr. Haberlin stated that, in 2008, the County's insurance company paid for a cable repair on the flag pole. Diedham and Maxim Crane Works out of Indianapolis were hired and the total charge was \$8,600.00. He said that Mr. Donnelly will be making the phone calls to get the work scheduled.

Work is continuing on Bridge 123. The deck will be poured on April 4, 2017.

PAT DONNELLY / VACATION REQUEST: Auditor Grow presented a vacation request from Pat Donnelly for May 9, 2017 through May 12, 2017. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

HARRY CARNEY / VACATION REQUEST: Auditor Grow presented the Commissioners with two vacation requests for Harry Carney. Mr. Culp signed them.

CHARLES FLICK / PAY INCREASE: Auditor Grow presented the Commissioners with a letter to sign addressed to Mr. Flick, increasing his pay to mid-level. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the signing of the letter. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

Auditor Grow stated that Harry Carney would like to meet with the Commissioners. Mr. Culp asked what level pay Mr. Carney is at, to which Auditor Grow replied that he is at mid-level. Mr. Culp said that they could meet with him today at 2:30, after the Drainage Board meeting.

**There being no further business, this meeting is now continued to Monday, April 17, 2017 at 8:15 A.M. if necessary. This meeting now stands in recess.**

**AFTER THE JASPER COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

BRYAN OVERSTREET / CONFERENCE REQUEST: Auditor Grow stated that there is a second conference listed on Mr. Overstreet's original request. The majority of the cost will come from Purdue, but they may use a small portion of County funds. Mr. Culp stated that this is an Extension Risk Management Education Conference and will be held April 26, 2017 through April 28, 2017 in Cincinnati. When asked, Auditor Grow told Mr. Culp that this money is in their budget. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

MARY SCHEURICH / VACATION DAY EXTENSION: Auditor Grow presented a letter from Mrs. Scheurich requesting that her vacation time be extended. Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the extension of eight days for sixty days. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

JACK HABERLIN / COUNTY ROAD 1900 SOUTH: Mr. Haberlin stated that there's been some discussion regarding a swale in the area. The County has two culverts under the roadway. There was a request that the culverts be replaced with a larger size. The road appears to be in fine shape, although water may get high there. He said his recommendation is that the culverts are in good shape and do not need to be replaced at this time. Mr. Maxwell stated that it's not customary for the County to put in bigger pipes anywhere in the County. Mr. Haberlin believes that there is a regulated drain tile beneath the culverts, but these two culverts are not part of the regulated drain. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to support Mr. Haberlin's recommendation. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

There was a short discussion about watershed and combining multiple files in to one account. Mr. Culp stated that there are pros and cons with doing so.

There being no further business, this meeting now stands in stands in recess.

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Kendell Culp, President

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James A. Walstra, Vice President

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Richard E. Maxwell, Member

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Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County